GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3388
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UNO REPORT ON HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India has been ranked 124 among 173 nations in the latest Human Development Report prepared by the United Nations as has been reported in Hindustan Times dated 24.7.2002;

(b) if so, the rank-wise list of all the 173 nations;

(c) whether the Government have thoroughly examined the ranking system of the UNO;

(d) if so, the reasons for low ranking; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to raise the standard of people?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The relative ranking of 173 countries is annexed.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. India has been placed among the Medium Human Development Countries as per its rank in the Human Development Index (HDI).HDI is essentially a composite index, which measures the average achievement of a country in three basic dimensions of Human Development. The dimensions are: a long and healthy life as measured by life expectancy at birth, knowledge as measured by literacy and a decent standard of living as measured by Per Capita Gross Domestic Product measured in purchasing power parity US $. All the three dimensions of human development are given equal weights.

India has consistently improved its position over the years in so far as HDI is concerned. However, a better ranking will not only depend upon efforts to achieve higher rates of economic growth and hence per capita incomes but also improvements in social sector development like health and education.

(e): The Government has adopted a three pronged strategy for raising the living standards of the people. It comprises of

(i) accelerated economic growth with a focus on sectors which are employment intensive;

(ii) human and social development throughprovision of basic minimum services; and

(iii) targeted antipoverty programmes.

Annex referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3388 for 06.08.2002 regarding UNO Report on Human Development asked by Shri A.Venkatesh Naik, Shri Ashok N. Mohol, Dr.M.V.V.S. Murthi and Shri Ram Mohan Gadde.

HDI rank High human development	HDI rank Medium human development	HDI rank Low human development
1.Norway	54.Mexico	101.Samoa(Wester n)	138.Pakistan
2.Sweden	55.Cuba		139.Sudan
3.Canada	56.Belarus	102.Kyrgyzstan	140.Bhutan

4.Belgium
5.Australia
6.United States
7Iceland
8.Netherlands
9.Japan
10.Finland
11.Switzerland
12.France
13.United Kingdom
14.Denmark
15.Austria
16.Luxembourg
17.Germany
18.Ireland
19.New Zealand
20.Italy
21.Spain
22.Israel
23.Hong Kong,China(SAR)
24.Greece
25.Singapore
26.Cyprus
27.Korea,Rep.of
28.Portugal
29.Slovenia
30.Malta
31.Barbados
32.Brunei Darussalam
33.Czech Republic
34.Aregntina
35.Hungary
36.Slovakia
37.Poland
38.Chile
39.Bahrain
40.Uruguay
41.Bahamas
42.Estonia
43.costa Rica
44.Saint Kitts and Nevis
45.Kuwait
46.United Arab Emirates
47.Seychelles
48.Croatia
49.Lithuania
50.Trinidad and Tobago
51.Qatar
52.Antigua and Barbuda
53.Lativa

57.Panama
58.Belize
59.Malaysia
60.Russian Federation
61.Dominica
62.Bulgaria
63.Romania
64.Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
65.Macedonia, TFYR
66.Saint Lucia
67.Mauritius
68.Colombia
69.Venezuela
70.Thailand
71.Saudi Arabia
72.Fiji
73.Brazil
74.Suriname
75.Lebanon
76.Armenia
77.Philippine
78.Oman
79.Kazakhstan
80.Ukraine
81.Georgia
82.Peru
83.Grenada
84.Maldives
85.Turkey
86.Jamaica
87.Turkmenistan
88.Azerbaijan
89.Sri Lanka
90.Paraguay
91.St.Vincent and the Grepadines
92.Albania
93.Ecuador
94.Dominican Republic
95.Uzbekistan
96.China
97.Tunisia
98.Iran, Islamic Rep. Of
99.Jordan
100.Cape Verde

103.Guyana
104.El Salvador
105.Moldova,
Rep.of
106.Algeria
107.South Africa
108.Syrian Arab Republic
109.Viet Nam
110.Indonesia
111.Equatorial
112.Tajikistan
113.Mongolia
114.Bolivia
115.Egypt
116.Honduras
117.Gabon
118.Nicaragua
119.Sao Tome and Principe
120.Guatemala
121.Solomon Islands
122.Namibia
123.Morocco
124.India
125.Swaziland
126.Botswana
127.Myanmar
128.Zimbabwe
129.Ghana
130.Cambodia
131.Vanuatu
132.Lesotho
133.Papua New Guinea
134.Kenya
135.Cameroon
136.Congo
137.Comoros

141.Tago
142.Nepal
143.Lao People's Dem.Rep.
144.Yemen
145.Bangladesh
146.Haiti
147.Madgascar
148.Nigeria
149.Djibouti
150.Uganda
151.Tanzania, U.
Rep.of
152.Mauritania
153.Zambia
154.Senegal
155.Congo,Dem Rep.of the
156.Cote d'lvoire
157.Eritrea
158.Benin
159.Guinea
160.Gambia
161.Angola
162.Rwanda
163.Malawi
164.Mali
165.Central African Republic
166.Chad
167.Guinea-Bissau
168.Ethiopia
169.Burkina Faso
170.Mozambique
171.Burundi
172.Niger
173.Sierra Leone